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REMARKS

1. Until 2 October 1951, the Infantry Kaserne on the east side of Friedensstrasse in Zeitz (P 22/1 23) quartered about 300 troops who were red-bordered black emblems. The only vehicles observed leaving the installation were trucks on 17 September. The vehicles were occupied by 20 officers and about 150 NCOs, who went to the Tiergarten area for field training. (1) The Infantry Kaserne seemed to be affiliated with a building on Dimitroffstrasse, formerly Bonafiesstrasse, which quartered about 200 troops. Truck [redacted] from the Infantry Kaserne, was repeatedly observed in front of that building. (2)
2. Until 2 October, the Artillery Kaserne on the west side of Friedensstrasse was occupied by a rear detail only. (1) The installation's fuel dump was located in the eastern sector of Bergisdorf, north of the road leading from Bergisdorf to Highway No 2. The dump was guarded by two patrolling sentries from the guard detail assigned to the ammunition dump and illuminated by three large arc lamps at night. The ammunition dump was located southeast of the fuel dump, on the south side of the road. The guard detail consisted of 1 officer and 12 NCOs.
3. The military post headquarters was located in a building at the intersection of Emanuel-Kant-Strasse and Folloisenweg and commanded by Colonel Maxim (fnu). It was staffed by 7 officers and 10 NCOs. (3)
4. The construction office in Zeitz prepared an estimate of the cost of a board fence, 25 meters high, to enclose the residential area containing Karl-Benz-Strasse, Folloisenweg, Granachweg, Friedensstrasse, Bulengrund and Forststrasse. The cost of the fence was estimated at 86,000 marks, but the money had not been appropriated by 2 October. Senior Lieutenant Komisarov (fnu) of the construction office said that all German employees in the barracks installation would be replaced by Russian women this winter. He said that [redacted] women had already joined the troop units in Ohrdruf. (4)

Comments.

- (1) Components of the 20th Gds Mocz Div, namely the 67th Gds Mocz Regt and, possibly, the unidentified guards tank regiment, are carried in the barracks installations on both sides of Friedensstrasse, Zeitz. In addition, an unidentified AAA unit is stationed there. [redacted] Vehicles of the mechanized regiment

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were still identified at Ohrdruf on 4 October 1951. 

The present report indicates that only components of the mechanized regiment were in the Infanterie Kaserne by 2 October 1951.

- (2) The quarters are reported for the first time. Donalicsstrasse is situated north of the railroad station. The vehicle belongs to the 67th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div.
- (3) The SCC komendantura in Zeitz is located in the high school building on Zeppelinstrasse, and the military post headquarters are located at the northeastern corner of the Infanterie Kaserne.
- (4) The area to be enclosed by the fence would contain the two barracks installations, the military post headquarters and the officers' billets on Friedrich-Angels-Platz. This measure, in connection with the replacement of German employees by **Russian** women, is indicative of the Soviet intention to seclude the troops from contact with the outside.

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